

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. The Information Disclosures Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently herewith.

II. The Objection to Claim 7

Claim 7 is objected to for an "informality." The Examiner states that the word "has" should be inserted at line 3 before the phrase "a center-line average".

Claim 7 has been amended for clarity, including making the Examiner's requested edit.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

III. The Rejection Under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner states that, in claim 1, it is unclear whether the term "tabular" at line 6 is intended to modify both "inorganic compound particles" and "metal particles" or only the "inorganic compound particles".

The Examiner also states that claim 11 contains improper Markush language and recommends that the word "and" be changed to --or-- in the last line of claim 11. The Examiner notes MPEP 2173.05(h) for examples of alternative claim language.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to use Markush type claim language. The changes do not change the scope of protection sought. Further, it is noted that the "tabular" does not

modify the "metal particles."

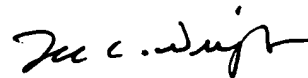
For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' claims are clear and definite and it is requested that the rejection of claims 1-11 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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